

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Submitted herewith please find one (2) sheet of replacement drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of these drawings.

The submitted drawing is intended to replace the drawing previously submitted.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets: Two (2)

REMARKS

Applicant, hereby, cancels claim 7, 36, 37 and 38 without prejudice or disclaimer and adds new claims 54 and 55. Therefore, claims 1-6, 8-11, 33-35, 39-42, 54 and 55 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant submits that the new claims 54 and 55 are fully supported by the originally filed specification.

Statement of Substance of Interview

As an initial matter, Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview conducted on August 19, 2009. During the interview, the objection of claims 1-11, 33, 34 and 39-42, the rejection of claims 1-11, 33, 34 and 39-42 under § 112, second paragraph and the rejection of claims 36-38 under § 101 were discussed. In view of the discussion and helpful comments provided by the Examiner during the interview, claims 1, 33 and 34 have been amended accordingly. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments overcome the objection of claims 1-11, 33, 34 and 39-42, the rejection of claims 1-11, 33, 34 and 39-42 under § 112, second paragraph and the rejection of claims 36-38 under § 101, as preliminarily agreed to by the Examiner during the interview.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

Objection to Drawings

Applicant adds a legend --RELATED ART-- to Figs. 1-3B to overcome the objections to the same. The corrected drawings are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection.

Objection of Specification

In view of the amended abstract, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection.

Claim objections

The Examiner objects to claims 1-11 and 39-42 indicating that these claims are not written in active step format. Applicant submits that claims 1-11 and 39-42 have been amended to be written in an active step format. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection.

Rejection of claims 1-11 and 39-42 under § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-11 and 39-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant submits that claims 1-11 and 39-42 comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as preliminarily agreed to by the Examiner during the interview.

Rejection of claims 33 and 34 under § 112, second paragraph

Claims 33 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being allegedly indefinite to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner maintains that it is unclear how device claims 33 and 34 could be dependent from method claim 1.

Applicant submits that claims 33 and 34 comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as preliminarily agreed to by the Examiner during the interview.

Rejection of claims 36-38 under § 101

Claims 36-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant cancel claims 36-38 without prejudice or disclaimer.

New claims

Applicant adds new claims 54 and 55. Applicant submits that these new claims are fully supported by the originally filed specification and are patentable at least for reasons similar to those submitted for claims 33 and 34.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

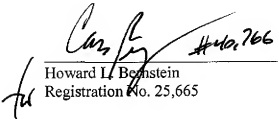
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